

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 200

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A RESOLUTION directing the Education Oversight Committee to hold hearings on the health-care crisis in public schools in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, there are continually increasing numbers of medical-related issues among Tennessee's student population; and

WHEREAS, the number of medically fragile students in Tennessee schools is increasing; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous schools that do not have adequate accessibility to a school nurse; and

WHEREAS, advocacy groups are promoting legislation that would expand the role of educators in providing medical-related services to students; and

WHEREAS, the health of students will be compromised if certain medical services are rendered by individuals other than licensed health-care providers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the Education Oversight Committee is directed to hold hearings on the demands placed upon public schools in providing health care to students. The hearings should seek input and testimony from teachers, school administrators, boards of education, the Tennessee Department of Education, and representatives from health care professionals regarding possible solutions to the crisis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall make a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House and Senate Education Committees no later than January 15, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Co-Chairs of the Education Oversight Committee.